



**Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action
Interfaith Emergency Planning Steering Committee**

Ready, Pack, Go Campaign

**Train the Trainer Workshop
Preparing Our Faith Communities for
Emergencies and Disasters**

Faith Communities in Action's Interfaith Emergency Planning Steering Committee Coordinating Partners



HOME EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

READY

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HYDROCHLORIC ACID SOLUTION

HYDROCHLORIC ACID, SOLUTION

DANGER! CAUSES SEVERE BURNS TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MEMBRANES IF INHALED. MAY CAUSE BLINDNESS OR BE FATAL WITH SKIN CONTACT.

Before using, read and understand current material safety data sheet for this product.

Do not get in eyes, on skin or clothing.
Avoid breathing vapors or mist.
Use with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.
Keep container tightly closed.

FIRST AID: IN CASE OF CONTACT immediately flush eyes and skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated clothing and shoes. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

IF INHALED remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

IF SWALLOWED DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. If conscious give victim large quantities of water or milk. Never give anything to an unconscious person. Call physician or nearest Poison Control Center and get medical attention immediately.

IN CASE OF SPILL: Wear full protective equipment. Stop leak. Contain spill. Prevent material from entering drains, waterways. Neutralize with soda ash or lime. For large spills, dike for later disposal. For small spills, absorb on inert material. Place into chemical waste container for disposal according to local, state and federal regulations.

HIGHWAY OR RAILWAY SPILL - Contact CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300.

IN CASE OF FIRE: Hydrochloric acid solutions do not burn. Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers to prevent explosion. Use self-contained breathing apparatus.



















HOME EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

READY



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Individual Houses of Worship Are Being Asked to Implement A Ready, Pack, Go Campaign



September 2008

Preparedness Month

This workshop will provide you with the information and materials to teach your congregations this September to:

- **Be Aware of the Need to Be Prepared**
- **Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit**
- **Develop a Family Emergency Plan**
 - **Know How to Stay Informed**



Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

Fairfax County has adopted an “All hazards” approach to emergency management.



Examples of hazards include:

- Weather (Tornado, Hurricane, Snow, etc.)
- Hazardous Material Event
- Terrorist (Chemical, Biological, Radiation)
- Fire
- Gas Leak
- Power Outages
- Explosion
- Traffic



Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

What we do:

Emergency management staff work across the four phases of emergencies:

1. Mitigation
2. Preparedness
3. Response
4. Recovery



Mitigation

- By contributing to the Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- By basing current and future planning on lessons learned and risk assessments from local, regional and national entities.
- By identifying and monitoring of at-risk locations.



Preparedness

- By conducting outreach to homeowner's associations, civic groups, businesses and faith communities
- By helping to lead the committee that has helped 45 county agencies to create, assess and exercise their continuity of operations plans
- By re-writing the county's Emergency Operations Plan



Response

- By coordinating the Citizen Corps program which includes volunteer opportunities within the police, fire and rescue and health departments.
- By managing the county's emergency operations center which serves as a central command and control facility.
- By operating the county's watch center, a 24/7 operation that monitors police and fire dispatch, weather, traffic and regional, national and international news



Recovery

- By helping to restore residential and business communities to their pre-disaster status through financial management recovery measures.
- By coordinating the management and removal of debris occurring from the effects of a natural or man-made disaster.
- By assisting with the initial and preliminary damage assessments that help to determine the priority of rebuilding destroyed property.



Partners are needed...Fairfax County
Government cannot do it alone...
residents need to be prepared to
respond to all hazards incidents as
well.



Residents are prepared when they are:

- Informed
- Make a plan
- Assemble a kit
- Get involved



Get Informed!



American Red Cross
www.redcross.org



www.ready.gov



Federal Emergency
Management Agency
www.fema.gov



Department of
Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov



National Oceanic &
Atmospheric Administration
www.noaa.gov



Fairfax County uses the award winning Community Emergency Alert Network, or CEAN, to deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency. Messages will be delivered to all devices you register:

- E-mail account
- Cell phone
- Text pager
- Satellite phone
- Wireless PDA



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean



Make a Plan

Make a **family communications plan** that coordinates with your school, work and community communication plans.

Practice this plan with your entire family regularly.



There are six basics you should stock for your home in case of an emergency:

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- A collection of emergency supplies is displayed on a grey surface. The items include a red backpack with "Emergency Preparedness" and a Red Cross logo printed on it; a large, clear plastic water jug with a red handle; a black portable radio; a red flashlight; a white first aid kit box with a Red Cross logo; a white face mask; a pair of white gloves; several packets of bandages and gauze; a roll of white tape; a box of "PAIN-EX" pain relievers; and various other medical supplies like antiseptic wipes and small packets.



Get Involved

Citizen Corps Programs

www.fairfaxcountycitizencorps.org



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers



Neighborhood Watch/USAonWatch incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission



The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program educates and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills



The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** program helps medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise



Fire Corps promotes the use of citizen advocates to provide support to fire and rescue departments



Two Preparedness New Tools

- Social Needs Registry
- Medical Needs Registry

Social Needs Registry





Social Needs Registry

Social Needs refers to people who are vulnerable, at-risk, or hard to reach in the event of an emergency, but who are not medically dependent.

These people may require targeted communication, transportation support, or sheltering in the event of an emergency.

Social Needs Registry

Strategy – Develop a registry that will:

- facilitate the partnership between County and agencies
- capture an organization's willingness to be involved in emergency planning, response and recovery
- serve as a resource for planners prior to and during an emergency

Web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds/socialneedsregistry.htm

Medical Needs Registry



Special Needs Registries

Medical Needs Defined:

People with medical needs

- have a high-risk health condition that is either temporary or chronic
- cannot manage for themselves in a general shelter or evacuation center
- require assistance in performing activities of daily living
- require care for and the monitoring of a health condition

Special Needs Registries

Strategy -

Register individuals who meet criteria.
Information collected will form database
available to emergency planners during an
emergency.

Web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds/medicalneedsregistry>



- **Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit**
- **Make a Family Emergency Plan**
- **Stay Informed**





Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Prescription medications and glasses
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ☐ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



Ready

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.



Emergency Supply List



Homeland
Security

www.ready.gov



Recommended Items to Include In a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ☐ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ☐ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps

Through its *Ready Campaign*, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. *Ready* asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528



September 2008

Preparedness Month

**Organize a Ready, Pack, Go
Campaign for Your Congregation
this SEPTEMBER**

Help Your Congregation:

- **Build Preparedness Awareness**
 - **Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit**
 - **Develop a Family Emergency Plan**
 - **Know How to Stay Informed**

Ready, Pack, Go Campaign

- The Ready, Pack, Go Toolkit has been provided to help you organize a Preparedness Campaign for your congregation.
- The Toolkit includes the materials you will need to start your campaign.
- The Toolkit materials may be downloaded FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/DSM/CIL/EMERGENCY.htm
- **Call 703-324-8272 for a CD with the print materials**



Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

Campaign Guide (page 1)

This guide will help you plan the “Ready, Pack, Go” campaign.

TASK	YES/NO	WHO/WHEN
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Campaign Poster Display large and small posters in prominent locations in your faith communities.	_____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Checklists Place checklists in bulletins, information kiosks, community events, etc.	_____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Family Emergency Plans Place plans in bulletins, information kiosks, community events, etc.	_____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Teach At a special or regularly scheduled meeting, show your faith community how to make a kit and plan.	_____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare a Display Set up a display of supply kits, plans and other information in prominent locations in your faith communities.	_____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Announcements Please use or adapt the suggested text in the resource toolkit; announce all related events and activities.	_____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Inserts Include a checklist, mini-poster and/or customized information in your bulletin.	_____	_____ _____ _____

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Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

Campaign Guide (page 2)

This guide will help you plan the home emergency supply kit campaign.

TASK	YES/NO	WHO/WHEN
<input type="checkbox"/> Web Resources Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/emergency to download logos and information for your website.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Targeted Information Consider targeting information to children, young adults, seniors or non-English speaking members, and people with disabilities. Prepare a flier, hold discussions and help identify roles, such as children checking supplies.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's information Work with the American Red Cross on developing programs and information for children.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Remarks Ask your faith community leader to talk about the campaign at appropriate times.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Next Steps Use the suggestions to plan a greater level of preparedness beyond preparing a kit.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Count and Access Track the effectiveness of the campaign by counting the number of kits prepared and providing feedback.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Activities	_____	_____
	_____	_____



Prepare your family to **Ready ... Pack ... Go** to a basement, interior room, public shelter, friend's house or other safe area.

During September, houses of worship in Fairfax County are encouraging their members to prepare a home emergency supply kit to respond to any hazard at any time.

If our faith communities are prepared, then we are better able to care for our neighbors and community.



Take a checklist to begin or update your home emergency supply kit. For additional resources, visit or call your faith community office, visit www.FairfaxCountyCitizenCorps.org, or call 703-FAIRFAX, TTY 703-324-2935.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water (1 gallon/person/day) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Perishable Food (3 days) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-Powered Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Infant Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Seasonal Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets/Bedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Mask |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Hygiene Items | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools/Duct Tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can Opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage/Storage Bags |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency: 911 | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Companies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfax County Emergency Info:
703-817-7771, TTY 711 | <input type="checkbox"/> School Hotlines |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Physicians |

Contact your faith community office for more checklists.

Sponsors:



Department of Systems Management for Human Services
Community Interfaith Liaison Office



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Home Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

Hazards can come in any form at any time. Being ready can provide you, your family and your faith community a greater ability to respond and care for each other. You must be prepared to *Ready ... Pack ... Go* to a basement, interior room, public shelter, friend's house or other safe area.

- ☐ **READY: Know these telephone numbers:**
 - ☐ Emergency: 911
 - ☐ Fairfax County Emergency Info:
703-FAIRFAX (703.327.3249), TTY 711
 - ☐ Utilities _____
 - ☐ Schools _____
 - ☐ Physicians _____
- ☐ **PACK: Here's a suggested list of items for your home emergency supply kit:**
 - ☐ Water (1 gallon/person/day)
 - ☐ Non-Perishable Food (3 days)
 - ☐ Prescriptions/Medications
 - ☐ First Aid Kit
 - ☐ Flashlight
 - ☐ Battery-Powered Radio
 - ☐ Batteries
 - ☐ Blankets/Bedding
 - ☐ Personal Hygiene Items
 - ☐ Extra Seasonal Clothing
 - ☐ Pen and Paper
 - ☐ Extra Keys
 - ☐ Cash
 - ☐ Cell Phone
 - ☐ Contact List
 - ☐ Family Documents
 - ☐ Financial Documents
 - ☐ Infant Supplies
 - ☐ Pet Supplies
 - ☐ Small Face Mask
 - ☐ Tools/Duct Tape
 - ☐ Garbage/Storage Bags
 - ☐ Map
 - ☐ Can Opener
- ☐ **GO: For the latest emergency information follow media outlets, call the county hotline listed above, and subscribe your cell phones, e-mail addresses and pagers to the Community Emergency Alert Network:**
 - ☐ www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean

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Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out-of-Town Contact Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Regional Meeting Place: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Important Medical Information: _____

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Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One _____ School Location One _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Two _____ School Location Two _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Three _____ School Location Three _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Other place you frequent _____ Other place you frequent _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____


Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s):			
Other:			
Pharmacist:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			



Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Fill out these cards and give one to each member of your family to make sure they know who to call and where to meet in case of an emergency.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & INFORMATION


Family Emergency Plan 

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____

OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT NAME: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING PLACE: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____


OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: _____

Ready 

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: _____

Ready 

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

TEACH

Organize Special Workshops or
Speak at Existing Classroom Sessions about
How to Prepare for Emergencies



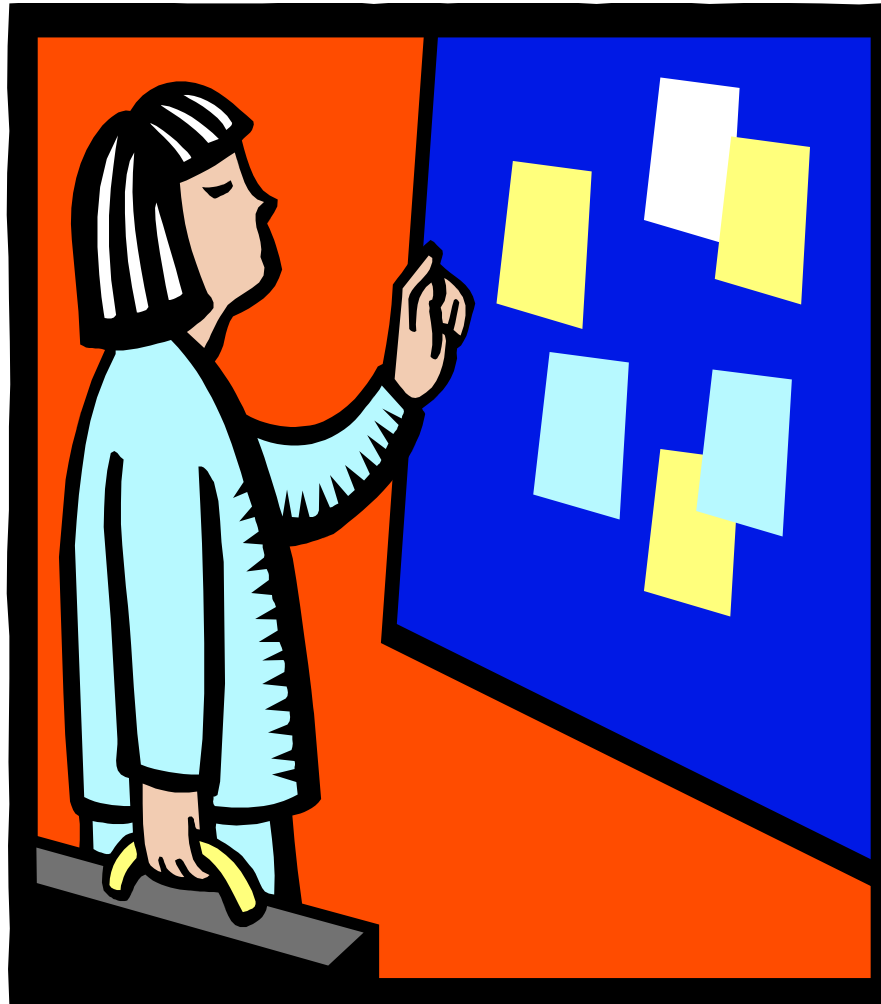
Prepare a Display



Prepare a Display



Prepare a Announcement Board





Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

Suggested Bulletin Text

Are You Ready to Shelter in Place for a Local Emergency? Don't be vulnerable. Begin to prepare by assembling a Home Emergency Supply Kit to sustain you and your family during an after a natural or man-made disaster. To help get you started, pick up a Home Emergency Supply Kit list today in the (church, synagogue, temple, mosque, etc.)_____.

Be Prepared for Local Emergencies: A Home Emergency Supply Kit stocked with water, non-perishable food, battery-powered radio, basic tools, medicines, etc. can help sustain you and your family during hazardous conditions preventing you from leaving your home. To help get you started in preparing your kit, pick up a Home Emergency Supply Kit list today in the (church, synagogue, temple, mosque, etc.)_____.

Keeping Your Family Safe During a Local Emergency: A Home Emergency Supply Kit can sustain your family during and after an emergency. Don't get caught off guard. Prepare you Kit today. To help get you started in preparing your kit, pick up a Home Emergency Supply Kit list today in the (church, synagogue, temple, mosque, etc.)_____.

Does Your Family Have an Emergency Plan: Before an emergency happens, natural or manmade, make sure your family has a plan. Sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of the plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster. To help get you started, pick up a Family Emergency Plan template in the (church, synagogue, temple, mosque etc.)_____.

Stay Informed Before and During a Local Emergency: The Fairfax County Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency to your e-mail account, cell phone, text pagers, satellite phones or wireless PDAs. The service is free. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean.

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Ready... Pack... Go

PREPARING OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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During September, houses of worship in Fairfax County are encouraging their members to prepare a home emergency supply kit to respond to any hazard at any time.



**If our faith communities are prepared, then we are better able
to care for our neighbors and community.**

Look for supply kit checklists, newsletter articles, displays or activities in your faith community.

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Suggested Newsletter or E-Mail Article

Option 1

Please copy and use as is or modify to your needs

Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

As a member of _____, do you consider yourself prepared for a natural or man-made emergency?

Specifically, in the event of a wide-spread emergency (weather-related; terrorism; pandemic flu; or other event) would you be prepared and able to take care of yourself? Your family? Your fellow worshipers? Your neighbors?

According to an American Red Cross survey, only about 40 percent of persons living in the U.S. are prepared for an emergency.

September is National Preparedness Month and now is a good time to consider taking some basic steps that will enable you to care for yourself, loved ones and neighbors.

Being ready for the unexpected can be as simple as gathering such supplies as water, non-perishable food, prescriptions and other medical supplies, flashlights, important documents, and other necessary items that are not readily available (and may not be available at all during and after an emergency event).

Look for a listing of supplies for a "Ready...Pack...Go..." Kit on our bulletin board or at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/emergency.htm.

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Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

Suggested Newsletter and E-mail Article

Option 2

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Do you have enough water? Where are your important personal documents? If your home lost power, do you have a battery-powered radio to stay informed?

These supplies are among the essentials needed to cope during dangerous weather or man-made hazards that threaten us every day.

According to an American Red Cross survey, only 40 percent of Americans have assembled the basic supplies needed to take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors during an emergency. This lack of preparedness poses a challenge not only to individuals, but also to first responders, governments and businesses. Taking responsibility for your own home emergency supply kit will help you play a key role in national preparedness and you can help fellow faith community members if they need assistance.

Remember how vulnerable the Washington, D.C. area is to large and small incidents that could require tapping into a home emergency supply kit: Hurricane Isabel, Sept. 11, 2001, tornados and floods, severe snow storms, power loss, and other crises.

Houses of worship in Fairfax County are encouraging their members to prepare or update a home emergency supply kit to respond to any hazard at any time. You and/or your family must be prepared to "Ready ... Pack ... Go" to a basement, interior room, public shelter, friend's house or other safe area.

By gathering supplies such as water, non-perishable food, prescription medications, flashlights, first aid kit, important documents and other supplies, you can take personal responsibility for your safety, the safety of your family and the safety of your neighbors during an emergency or extended crisis.

Look for a home emergency supply kit checklist in (INSERT LOCATION) and plan to make a kit. Now it's your turn today to "Ready ... Pack ... Go" for tomorrow, if necessary.

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Target Information to children, young adults,
older adults or non-English speaking
members or members with disabilities.



Remarks from Clergy





Preparing Our Faith Communities in Fairfax County

Next Steps

Consider these actions beyond preparing a home emergency supply kit and a family emergency plan.

✓ Help Vulnerable Populations Prepare

An American Red Cross study reported the least prepared people are the most vulnerable people in society. Encourage yourself, your family, your faith community or your co-workers to help those who cannot fully prepare by making extra emergency kits for a neighbor or an entire group of people.

Assist persons with medical needs and their caregivers in signing up for the Medical Needs Registry. The Registry will be used by first responders, shelter managers and transportation professionals to address the needs of people with medical needs. Applications for the Medical Needs Registry may be made on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds.

Talk with your faith community leaders about becoming a Social Needs Registry partner to assist your vulnerable, at-risk, or hard to reach members who are not medically dependent with information about transportation, shelter and situation related information during an emergency. Fairfax County will send Social Needs Registry partners emergency information that they can more effectively share with their more vulnerable population or member groups. To join the Social Needs Registry partner group, complete a Social Needs Registry application on line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds.

✓ Prepare Faith Community Shelter and Evacuation Plans

If you are at a faith community event and an incident occurs, does your community have plans and supplies to shelter-in-place or evacuate? Can your faith community welcome residents for temporary shelter? Work with your faith community leaders and the American Red Cross to think about and plan for these possibilities.

✓ Tap Into Faith Community Skills and Talents

In all houses of worship, there are individuals with talents such as working with people, leadership ability, and technical or career expertise. Consider identifying and utilizing these members to help prepare for and respond to an emergency.

✓ Get Trained and Volunteer

Learn more about the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council and its training, volunteer and outreach activities by visiting www.FairfaxCountyCitizenCorps.org.

Sponsors: Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Interfaith Emergency Planning Steering Committee, Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council, Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services Community Interfaith Liaison Office, the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, Department of Family Services and the Office of Public Affairs



Reasonable ADA accommodations will be provided upon request.
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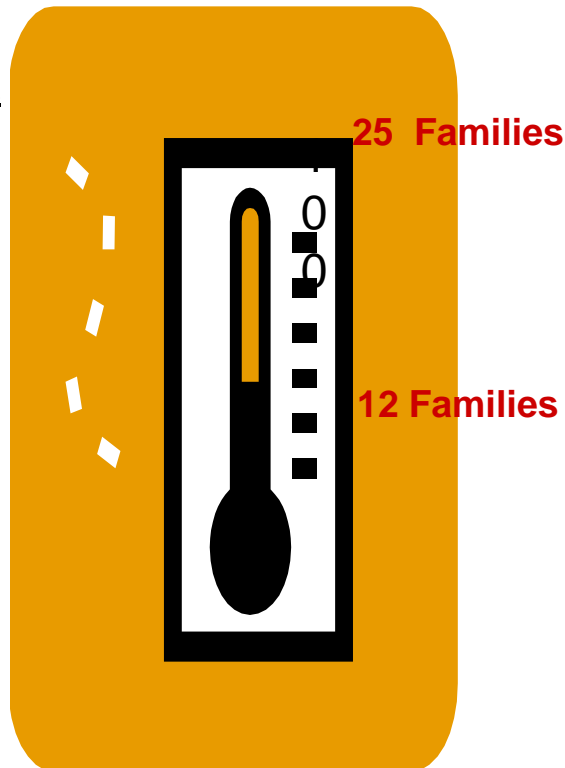


Count and Assess

Congregation Families Assembling
A Home Emergency Supply Kit
September 2008 Goal 50 Families

Families Completing Kit

Jones Family
Smith Family
Gonzales Family
Singh Family
Abdul Malik Family
Weiss Family
Kalender Family
Skall Family
Sadat Family
Chang Family
Kim Family
Hernandez Family



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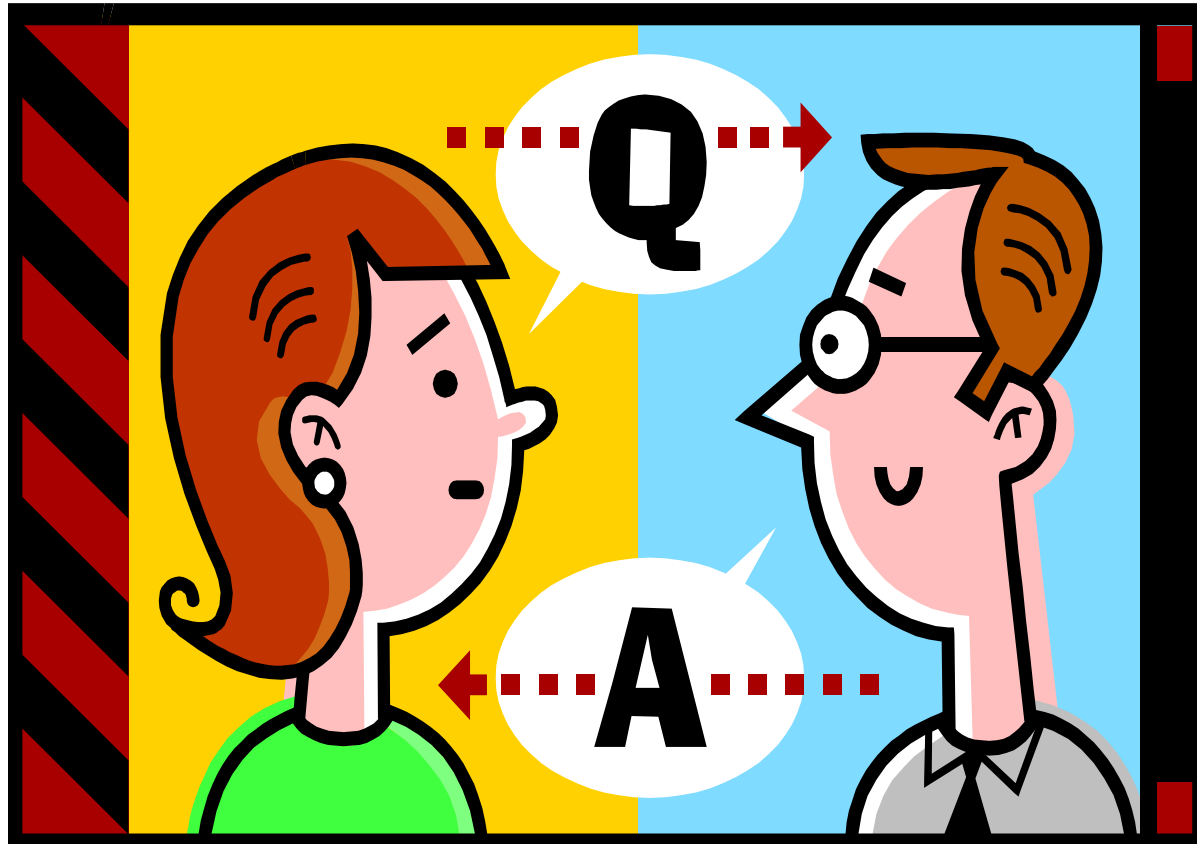
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How Did We Do?

Please complete the Workshop Evaluation. Let us know how we measured up.



Questions and Answers



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